

**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
STATE OF HAWAII
2010**

**PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 333F, SECTION 6, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES,
REGARDING SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES OR MENTAL RETARDATION, DIRECTING THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO KEEP WAITING LISTS OF ALL
INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES AND SUPPORTS, BUT
FOR WHOM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED, AND
THE REASONS FOR THE LACK OF SERVICES AND SUPPORTS**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Chapter 333F, Section 6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities or Mental Retardation, enacted by the Legislature in 1998, the Department of Health is directed to "keep waiting lists of all individuals who are eligible for services and supports, but for whom services and supports have not been provided for any reason, and shall report annually to the legislature the numbers of persons waiting for services and supports and the reasons for the lack of services and supports." This report summarizes all lists for persons with Developmental Disabilities or Mental Retardation waiting for services and supports.

As of June 30, 2009, there were no individuals with developmental disabilities and/or mental retardation on a waitlist for services under the Developmental Disabilities/Mental Retardation Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver. Due to the August, 2005 settlement and release agreement with the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, the Department no longer maintains a waitlist for Waiver services by processing all individuals applying for the Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver. As a result, demand for Waiver services has increased yearly. Over the past two years, the waiver has remained within the range of 2,450 to 2,490 individuals.

There was no waitlist for the Family Support Services Program (FSSP) which reimburses families with individuals that reside in their family home for some services and supports with a budget of only \$75,000 annually. There were also no waitlists for the non-mandated community support services which includes Partnerships in Community Living (PICL), Long-Term Adult Supports and Resources (LASR), and the Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) administered respite program. The total expended in these programs in FY 2009 amounted to \$1,739,366. Respite is also available in the Medicaid-funded DD/MR Waiver program which has replaced the need for most of the DOH respite program. The PICL program has been terminated due to budget restrictions.

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 333F, SECTION 6, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

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Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid Waiver

As of June 30, 2009, there were **0** individuals with developmental disabilities and/or mental retardation waiting for services under the Developmental Disabilities/Mental Retardation Home and Community-Based Waiver Services.

For FY '09, 154 individuals were admitted into the Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver:

1 st Quarter =	41
2 nd Quarter =	38
3 rd Quarter =	34
4 th Quarter =	<u>41</u>
	154

Including readmissions, deaths, and discharges, the waiver total increased by 53 in FY '09.

Non-mandated Services

Purchase of Service:

- 1) Partnerships in Community Living (PICL) – **No waitlist.** All 193 names on the PICL request list were offered access to PICL funding.
- 2) Long-Term Adult Supports and Resources (LASR) – **No waitlist.** All 95 names on the LASR request list were offered access to LASR.

Other non-mandated services:

- 1) Respite – There is no wait list for respite services. 181 individuals were served with the allotted respite funds as applications were received.
- 2) Family Support Services Program (FSSP) is a state funded program that supports an individual's living situation in the family home by reimbursing families for monies spent on services and supports. It is aimed at providing services to families to complement family resources. The majority of FSSP requests are for diapers. Examples of other services/supports requested include adaptive equipment, chore services, limited modification to home and vehicle, training and education services, limited transportation services, supplies not covered under family's health insurance, and adaptive supplies.

Since funding is limited for the FSSP (\$75,000), not all individuals requesting these services/supports can be fully accommodated through this program. However, the DDD will always try to accommodate these individuals through other funding streams or other State agencies.

Summary

Due to the 2005 settlement and release agreement with the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, the Department processes all applicants for the Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver, and has not maintained any waitlist for Waiver services. Fully funding the Waiver by admitting all those eligible for Waiver services, has led to an increase in new admissions (154) in FY '09 (State match total = \$56,958,229, Federal match total = \$60,648,515, Total = \$117,606,744).

There are no waitlists for our purchase of service non-mandated services amounting to \$1,739,366. PICL funding amounted to \$252,829, and LASR funding amounted to \$1,009,194.

The DOH Respite request list is not a waitlist (\$477,343 available for DDD under the DOH Respite program). Individuals on the request list who are also eligible for Waiver services are referred over to the Medicaid waiver where respite services are also available along with its matching Federal funds. Others who are not eligible for Medicaid waiver receive DOH Respite services. All families requesting respite are able to access this service from DDD.

Family Support Services Program is a small program with only \$75,000 allocated in the DDD budget. The majority of FSSP requests are for diapers not covered by the Medicaid State Plan.